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**October 2018
Monthly Vision Newsletter**

**Celebrating God's Grace,
and Reaching Out With Christ's Love**

OCTOBER—YOU'RE INVITED!

To join in on...

2nd Tuesday

- 9-3:00 pm Office Hours
- 4:30 pm Marketing Meeting
- 5:30 pm Education Meeting

3rd Wednesday

- 9-3:00 pm Office Hours
- 7:00 pm Evening Worship - Pastor Morgan

6th Saturday

- 7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation
- 7-10:00 pm Beer & Hymn Sing-Mug-Z's
- 7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

7th Sunday

- 8:30 am Worship - Pastor Morgan
- Sunday School

8th Monday

- 6-9:00 pm Girl Scouts

9th Tuesday

- 9-3:00 pm Office Hours
- 4:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meal

10th Wednesday- Cousins Subs Fundraiser Day

- 9-3:00 pm Office Hours
- 7:00 pm Evening Worship-Pastor Jane Fryda

13th Saturday

- 7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation
- Noon-2 pm Faith, Family & Fun
- 7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

14th Sunday

- 8:30 am Worship - Pastor Jane Fryda
- Baptism - Jameson Charles McMullen
- Noisy Can - Outreach for Hope, Inc.

16th Tuesday

- 9-3:00 pm Office Hours
- 7:00 pm Council Meeting

17th Wednesday

- 9-3:00 pm Office Hours
- 7:00 pm Evening Worship

18th Thursday

- 7:00 pm Ginny's Gems at Donna Meitner's home

20th Saturday

- 7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation
- 7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

21st Sunday

- 8:30 am Worship with Pastor

23rd Tuesday

- 9-3:00 pm Office Hours

24th Wednesday

- 9-3:00 pm Office Hours
- 7:00 pm Evening Worship

27th Saturday

- 7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation
- Matthew's Eagle Scout Ceremony
- 7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

28th Sunday

- 8:30 am Worship with Pastor
- Pumpkin Pizzazz
- Pancake Breakfast

30th Tuesday

- 9-3:00 pm Office Hours
- 7:00 pm Evening Worship

31st Wednesday

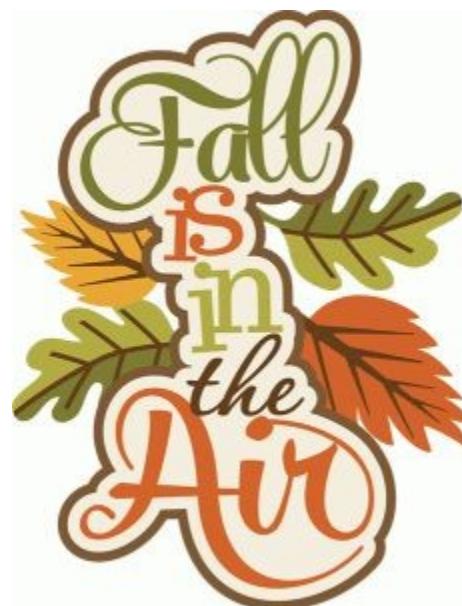
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OCTOBER 2018

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS,
7:00 pm



Dear Bethel,

The time has come, I can't avoid it any longer- it is my last week with you all. I am so grateful for how sad I am to leave this place. It means the time we spent mattered. Even though it's been only two years, I have gotten to know you all so well, been a part of this community and ministry, and I really do love you all. Thank you.

I thought I'd share some of the things that I've enjoyed the most and some of the things that I think are your greatest gifts:

1. Generosity: for a smaller congregation, you all are sure generous! Regular giving to the congregation, those who regularly volunteer to bring treats for after worship or the one to go out and buy a cake for special days, giving to the food pantry, Easter baskets, Christmas gifts, serving and providing meals at St. Vincent de Paul, time spent with kids and families to pass on the faith, and so on and so on.

2. Warmth and welcome: anyone who meets you can see you are a warm and friendly congregation. I appreciate that when you spot a newcomer, you're quick to introduce yourselves and share some cookies or bread with them. I appreciate that announcement time during worship is casual and a genuine invitation to anyone to join in. And, I appreciate that you come as who you are, there's little pretending here, you are just you.

3. Laughter and tears: the way you love each other and show up for each other is beautiful. Such an important part of Christian community is sharing life together, and pointing each other to the God who has called you together. Thank you for letting me get to be a part of it with you.

4. Evangelism and outreach: I've loved seeing you all add more intentionality in events and service work, to reach out to people in the community, pray for them, share yourself and offer a warm welcome into this community. We've had a group of people head out around the neighborhood three times now to invite our neighbors to worship with us. I gush about you being brave enough to step out of your comfort zone and do this often!

5. Openness and hopefulness for the future, and a "sure, we can try that" attitude: just about once a month, we've been planning events for the congregation and community, as a way of deepening relationships and reaching out. I'm grateful for your creativity, your willingness to try new things, and openness to where God is leading.

6. Your responsibility to this place and to each other: I've never been a part of a faith community where so many people understand how vital their presence is to the ministry of the church. It's the first thing I noticed when I started here two years ago, and it's brought me so much joy to see you all use your gifts and care for this place.

My hope for you into the future is that you continue to live into your strengths and gifts as a congregation. To discern who God is calling you to be in the future, and to continue to stretch yourselves outside of your comfort zone. I trust that God will be with you and with me, just as God always has been.

Thank you, thank you,
thank you for letting
me be your pastor.

Peace,
Pastor Kelli Weiss



SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS -

We are looking for a few Church Members who would like to fill in on some of the opportunities that are listed below on the volunteer schedule. Altar, Media, etc. These are on a rotation basis. If interested, please sign up on the sheet that is posted on the table in the Narthex.

Volunteer Opportunities



OCTOBER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAYS

	7th	14th	21th	28th
Altar:	Barb	Vicki	Ginny	Julie
Media:	Jean P	Ken P	Jochims	Schalk's
Ushers:	Ken P	Baseler/ Schmidt's	Jochims	Conner's
Communion:	Debbie Z	Jean P	Barb O	Sue H
Lector:	Kathy D	Heidi L	Kate/Sara J	Ben/Jake S

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAYS

	4th	11th	18th	25th
Altar:	Barb O	Vicki K	Julie	Ginny B
Media:	Jean P	Ken P	Jochims	Schalk's
Ushers:	Ken P	Baseler/ Schmidt's	Jochims	Conner's
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"PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR ONE SUNDAY A MONTH, BETHEL NEEDS YOUR TIME AND TALENTS"



Faith, Family & Fun is an intergenerational program that brings families and kids together once a month on Saturday. Participants share lunch, learn Bible stories, make crafts (from birdhouses to homemade ice cream), share music and play games. Older kids make it fun by joining in to help everyone – even adults. The program is held on the second Saturday of each month from Noon to 2 pm. The next meeting is on October 13, 2018. RSVP by contacting Debbie Zortman, Heidi Lindhorst, or Julie Frahmann.

Children's Sunday School



We have started Sunday school once per month on the 1st Sunday of the month held during worship. It will begin on October 7th. The program is open for Pre-school age to 6th grade. Anyone wishing to teach or be a teen helper, please contact Debbie Zortman, Heidi Lindhorst or Julie Frahmann.

- Daylight-saving time ends**
- Turn your clock back one hour tonight before going to bed.
 - It's also time to change batteries in your smoke detectors.



Plan ahead ...

Before you go to bed Saturday,
November 3rd - turn your
clocks back 1 hour. Sunday,
November 4th, 2 am Daylight
Savings Time ends.

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A big thank you goes out to Pastor Roosevelt Morgan for filling in with leading Bethel in Worship for Wednesday, October 3rd and Sunday, October 7th. Thank you to Pastor Jane Fryda for filling in on Wednesday, October 10th and Sunday, October 14th.



When in Church, Prayer requests can be made by filling in a prayer card (found near your seat or on the piano) and putting it in the offering plate or handing it to Pastor. Requests can be submitted confidentially at the church website, www.bethelmuskegoelc.org

Please keep these people and situations in your prayers this week:

Amy, Connor (2yrs old) and parents Tom and Gail as Connor is still going through treatments for cancer. Connie, Corey & Amber, Dale, Haley Rose who was born 9 week premature, James for healing from surgery, Jean, Kathy Fischer, Larry for heart healing, Michael Jegers who is recovering from brain surgery, Russ Jones, Mike K. for AA recovery, Lela Vern Pickart, Linda Radmer, Matt, Michelle, Michael F. Pat Paprocki, Mary R. dealing with complications of Cancer, Stevie, Taylor & Tony.

Pray for peace & comfort for the families who have lost loved ones:

Christian D. who passed away recently and comfort for the Kakonis family as they mourn the death of Tom Kakonis, Dan's father. Pray for peace and comfort to the family and friends of Rene M. Gehrt who passed away on September 4th, she is the sister of Wade.

Pray for Protection: Christians around the world, our Church, our youth & families separated at the border.

Pray for and Protect and bless our pets who give us companionship and delight.



St. Vincent de Paul Meal - Bethel had their “Game On” and we helped to serve 197 adults and 22 kids on September 11th at the St. Vincent de Paul meal site.

We had a great turn out to serve the guests. Thank you, Ken Packer, Heidi Lindhorst, Betty Novesky, Lynn Steffes and Lynn Gressle who served with smiles on. Also, thank you for our back ups Debbie Zortman and Ilene.

As always, we served delicious food provided by members of Bethel and the guests really enjoyed it all.

Thank you Kathy Ferguson, Kathy Duran, Diane Conner, Tracy Jochims, Lynn Gressle, Julie Frahmann, Georgia Hainer, Jeanne Kolkoski, Sue Henkel, Barb Zanotelli and Lori Schwanz for providing the jello, cakes and stews each month.

Thank you to all Bethel members and our Bethel friends for supporting this ministry.

Blessings,
Jean Paape, Outreach Member

EVENTS & PUBLICITY from the Marketing Team:



Beer & Hymns

When: Saturday October 6th, 2018, 7 pm until 10 pm

Where: Mug-Z's Pub & Grill - W194S7060 Hillendale Dr.

Why: To sing & socialize.

Lutheran's are great multi-taskers.

**Sign up will be in narthex. Come have some Saturday night fun
with your Sunday morning pew mates.**



Pumpkin Pizzazz - On Sunday, October 28th, there will be a pancake breakfast following the Worship Service. There will also be Pumpkin-Carving. Bring a friend and join the fun!

Bring your own carving tools.

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Thursday, November 1, 2018: Wine and craft-making night, 6:30 pm. It's fun even if you're not crafty, the wine is forgiving. Guys are welcome to join. Also, we welcome ideas for hot-selling projects that can be done in an hour or so. See Debbie Zortman with any favorites.

Annual craft & Bake Sale is scheduled for November 17, 2018. Sign up sheets will be on the table in the Narthex.

Craft items and baskets may be donated by contacting
Kathy Duran or Jean Paape.

Make some noise!

**Below are Bethel's 2018 recipients of the Noisy Can Offerings.
The Noisy Can Offering is collected on the second Sunday of each month.**

January - Pastor's Discretion

July - The Guest House of

Milwaukee, Shelter

February - St Vincent de Paul meal-site

August - Lutheran Campus Corner

March - Hope Center, Waukesha

September - Muskego Senior Taxi

April - Lutherford Bible Camp

October - Outreach for Hope, Inc.

May - Flowers for Bethel

November - Gifts for Friends of Jesus

June - Safe Babies, Healthy Families

December - Salvation Army,

Red Kettle Donation

The noisy can for October goes to Outreach for Hope, Inc. ELCA, Milwaukee Synod supporting low income communities.



Julia Zortman and Jack Navarette confirmed their faith on September 16th and shared their faith statements with the Congregation. Congratulations to the loving families who encouraged and sponsored our youth, and to Pastor Kelli who worked to conclude this part of their Christian journey with them...and counseled them to listen to - and answer - God's calls in their lives. There were certificates of Confirmation, corsages, cake and crosses as gifts from Bethel on this special day.



Thank you to everyone who brought yarn to Church during the month of September for the "yarn drop"

Prayer Shawls Ministry

Ginny's Gems woman's group meets the third Thursday of each month. The group meets for devotion and fellowship; they crochet and sew prayer shawls and lap blankets.

Prayer shawls and blankets are then donated to local hospitals, nursing homes and rehab centers. If you would like to join this group or contribute to this ministry, please contact Julie Frahmann at 262-679-2038. The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 18th, at 7:00 pm at Donna Meitner's home. Bring a friend! Thank you for your support.



CHURCH STAFF

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Council Update and Message for October

Blessings to all as we move into Fall. Changes are happening. Cooler temps are on the way; the leaves are changing to bright yellows and oranges; and Bethel is changing in pastoral leadership.

Supply pastors will lead Wednesday and Sunday worship services for the first two weeks in October. We will then have an interim pastor (part-time pastor) for the next several months. During this time, we will all view Bethel's Mission Site Profile (MSP) and form the Call Committee. Let's all be intentionally prayerful during these changes for Bethel.

"Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart. And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:6-7

~Stewardship Month~

Stewardship kicks off this month. At the Wednesday and Sunday worship services during October we will have a member from one of Bethel's committees present a short overview of what their committee takes care of and what they are currently working on. Stay tuned each week and hear from the Outreach, Resource, Marketing, Education, and Worship groups. Let's support one another; and if this is something you would like to be a part of - I invite you to join them! We'll culminate with Stewardship Sunday on November 4. More info to come.

~ Let's Carve Out Some Memories! ~

Plan to join us for **Pumpkin Pizzazz** on Sunday October 28, at 9:30 am. We'll have a brunch, carve pumpkins, do some pumpkin bowling, and maybe even some gourd ring toss!

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Peace, Debbie Zortman, Council President

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